

difference - where found

Cnidaria      Coelent (Ctenophora)

### \* NEMATOCYST \*

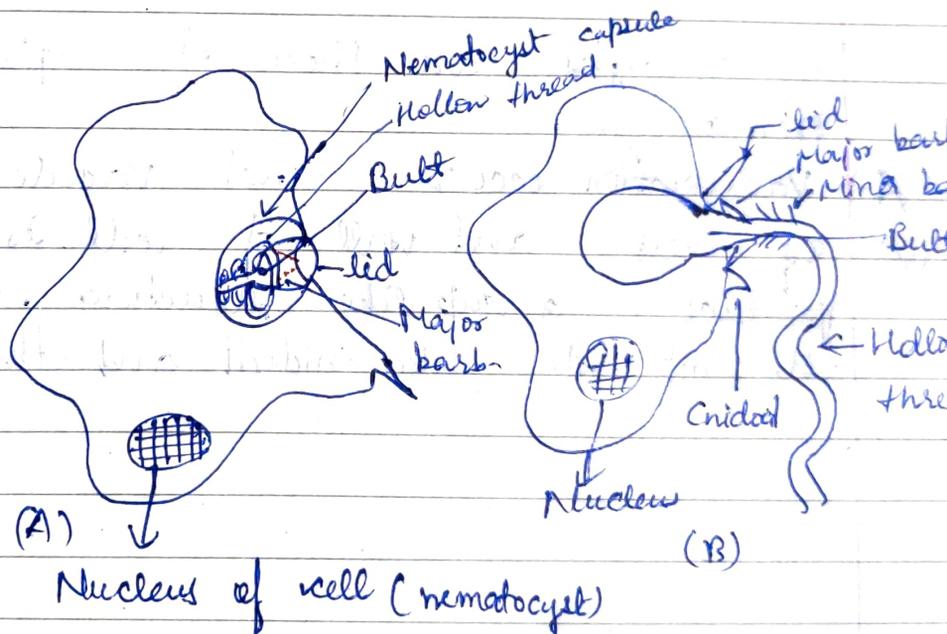
- Nematocyst is restricted to phylum Cnidaria
- Classification of Cnidaria is based on different types of nematocysts
- Nematocyst is distributed to all group of phylum Cnidaria and spirocyst is only restricted to group - Zonotharia.

\* Organoid - without form of tissue, if a single cell can perform a special type of function then it is organoid

\* Organ - when tissue is formed and they perform a specific function.

- It is not controlled by nervous system although Cnidarians have a diffused type of nerve net  
i.e. non-nervous control of nervous system

### Structure:



(A) Undischarged cond.

(B) Discharged cond.

- Nematocyst is an organoid.

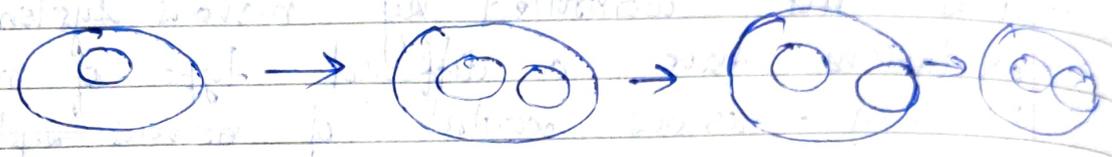
ectoderm  
 Interstitial cell  
 mesenchyme  
 Interstitial  
 endoderm

Nematocyst is interstitial cell and also a simple cell. These cells may be endodermal or ectodermal but nematocyst is always <sup>formed from</sup> ectodermal interstitial cells.

90% of interstitial cells are scattered on ectoderm. Once used nematocyst is immediately discarded from body. So, there is regular renewal of nematocyst is required for survival of animal. It is just like the canon of tank. It is. Nematocyst is also used for capture for food material.

Formation of nematocyst:

1. Vacuolation starts in interstitial cells.



Two thoughts are there to explain form<sup>n</sup> of nematocyst.

more appropriate

(A) Vacuolation occurs and vacuole goes to periphery of cell and wall of cell is dissolved and produce a cup like structure. Now in this cup all imp. st. like, cnidocil and others are formed.

(B)

All imp. st. are produced inside the vacuole and then it goes to periphery and wall present form form the lid.

## Structure

- A cell capsule is there which bears all the components. There is hollow thread inside which is covered by major and minor barb. There is bulb which put the major and minor barb. When pressure comes on nematocyst then only nematocyst capsule is discharged.
- Barbs are made up of chitin and inverted bristle like str. also. i.e. whole nematocyst capsule. Cnidocil is hook like str. (small microscopic spine) which is made up of chitin.

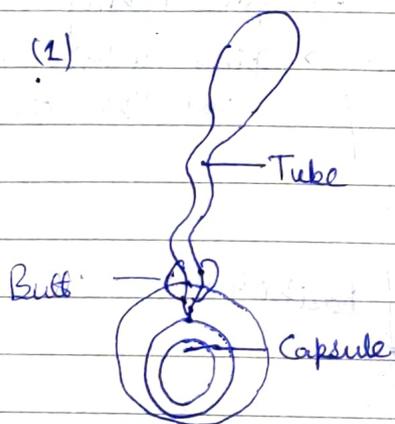
## SIZE OF NEMATOCYST & LOCATION.

(1) Smaller = 5 - 50  $\mu\text{m}$ .

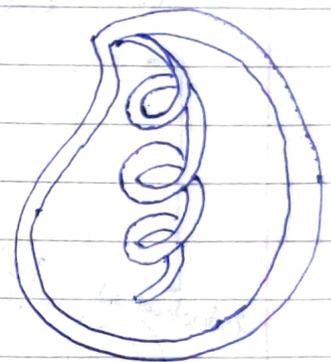
(2) largest = 1-12 mm (eg. *Halestoma* - Siphonophore)

## Different type of nematocyst:

On the basis of classification of cnidaria: Type of nematocyst



(2)



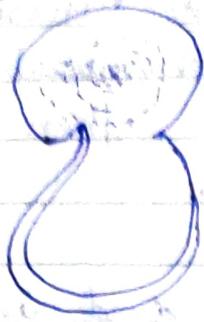
Rhopalonemes

(Tube elongated and sac like)

Desmonemes

(Tube thread like)  
(for binding the prey)

NOTE: Nematocyst is of non-nervous control and even a slight touch or any mechanical excitation may lead to its discharge.



Desmonemc (discharged)  
(Showing space with thread)

Holotrichous isothiza

(1) Tube closed at end.

(a) Rhopalonemus → Tube elongated

(b) Desmonemus → Tube thread like forming a coil like is called volvent

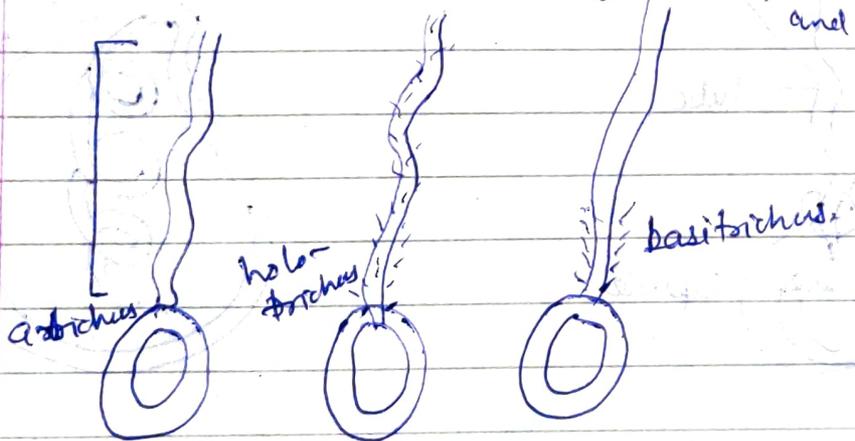
(1) Tube open at tip without Butt (Haptonemus)

(A) Tube of same diameter throughout - Glutinent

(B) (a) holotrichous isothiza → Tube spine throughout and of equal size

(b) atrichous isothiza → Spine lacking

(c) basitrichous isothiza → Spines at base only are larger and other are smaller

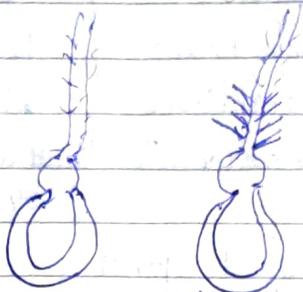


(9) with a prominent cell body having a long tube (5-6 times than cell) without any disturbed end. This kind of nematocyst is c/a glutinent

- (b) atrichous lacks spine on complete tube.
- (c) basitrichous has spine at base.

(2) Tube open at tip with Butt -

\* Both type of nematocyst have uniform of distribution of spine but basitrichous has bigger sized spines at base.



holo -      basit -

(3) Tube open at tip with well defined Butt present.

(A) Butt cylindrical of same diameter. 4 types are -

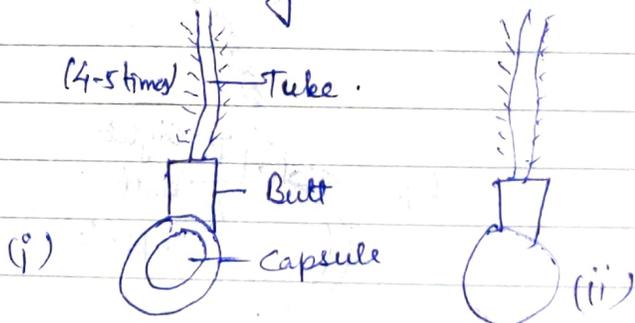
- (i) Microbasal mastigophore.
- (ii) Macrobasic mastigophore.
- (iii) Microbasal amastigophore.
- (iv) Macrobasic "

(i) Butts are not more than 3 times of length of capsule.

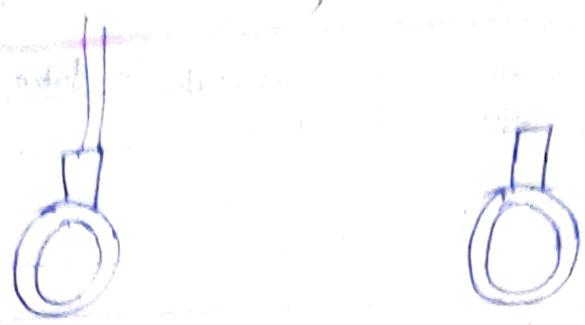
(ii) Butts are 4x of length of capsule.

(iii) No tube beyond butt.

(iv) Almost lacking the tube.



Mastigophore: Fine spine like cell which is for attachment  
tube only lacking at butt

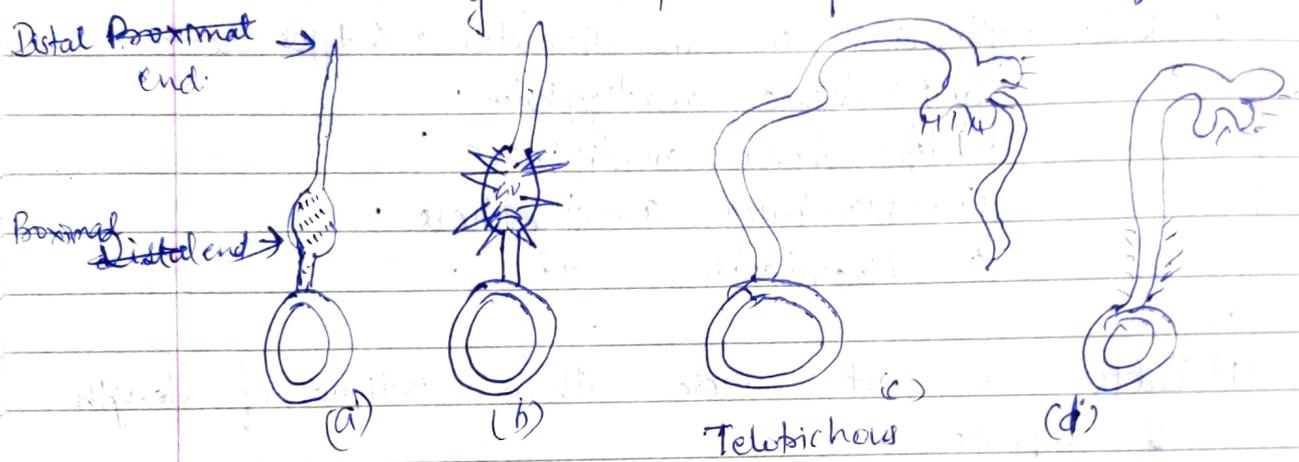


(ix) Butt dilated at the summit → Euryteles.

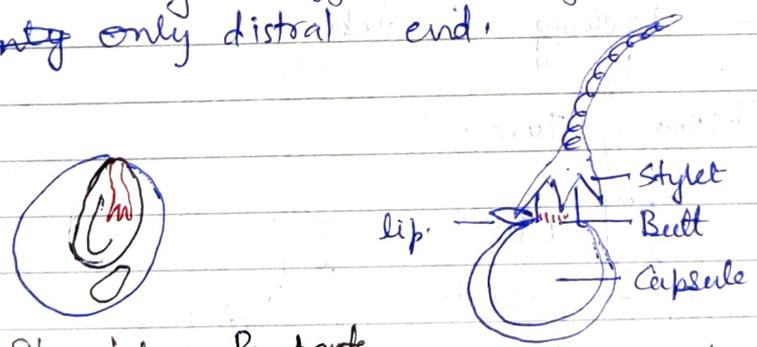
- (a) Homotrichous microbasia
- (b) Heterotrichous microbasia
- (c) Telotrichous macrobasia
- (d) Merotrichous macrobasia

Butt is dilated but not cylindrical shaped. Sometimes butt is connected to capsule by a narrow region.

- (a) - Butt is small with equal sized spines
- (b) - Butt " " " unequal " " (short & long)
- (c) - Butt is long with only distal spine.
- (d) - Butt is long and spines are present at end of tube.



- In telotrichous microbasia, butt is tube like and very bigger in size. These spines are present only at distal end.



Stenoteles - Penetrants.

Stenoteles - discharged end.